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EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE FOR WEST BENGAL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foreign assistance provided to West Bengal Government to implement various projects meant for development;

(b) whether the Union Government monitors over the utilization of these funds; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM):

(a) Funds for externally aided projects (EAPs) implemented by various States are released by the Central Government to the respective States as Additional Central Assistance (ACA). The amount of ACA disbursed for externally aided projects in West Bengal during the last three years is as under:

(Amount in Rs. crores)

2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
470.55	526.988	592.693

(b) and (c) Monitoring of implementation and utilization of funds earmarked for externally aided projects is being done both at the level of State and Centra Governments. Apart from the project implementation authorities, project monitoring units of State Governments, and the concerned administrative Central Ministries/Departments, the projects are also monitored periodically in Department of Economic Affairs.